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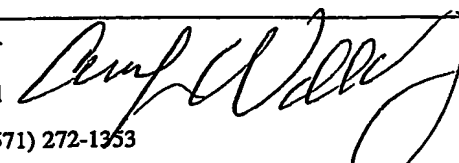
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>2</u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 			
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☐ the international application as originally filed.☒ the description:

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pages NONE _____, filed with the demandpages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.☒ the claims:pages NONE _____, as originally filedpages NONE _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE _____, filed with the demandpages 10 and 11 _____, filed with the letter of 11 November 2004 (11.11.2004)☒ the drawings:pages NONE _____, as originally filedpages NONE _____, filed with the demandpages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.☐ the sequence listing part of the description:pages NONE _____, as originally filedpages NONE _____, filed with the demandpages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☒ the description, pages NONE☒ the claims, Nos. 6-10, 15-29☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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PCT/US03/20628**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-5, 11-14, 30, 31</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-5, 11-14, 30, 31</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-5, 11-14, 30, 31</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-5 and 11-14 meet novelty under PCT Article 33(2) because the prior art does not disclose a method for producing doped boron according to the process steps recited in claim 1.

Claims 1-5 and 11-14 meet an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) because the prior art does not render obvious a method for producing doped boron according to the process steps recited in claim 1.

Claims 30 and 31 meet novelty under PCT Article 33(2) because the prior art does not disclose a superconductor comprising a fiber substrate coated with magnesium diboride doped with a titanium compound.

Claims 30 and 31 meet an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) because the prior art does not render obvious a superconductor comprising a fiber substrate coated with magnesium diboride doped with a titanium compound.

Claims 1-5, 11-14, 30 and 31 meet industrial applicability under PCT Article 33(4) because the invention relates to doped boron, which can be exposed to magnesium vapor and converted to doped magnesium diboride and a resultant superconductor.

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CLAIMS

1. A method for producing doped boron comprising the steps of:
introducing a boron containing vapor into a reaction vessel;
introducing a dopant vapor into the vessel to provide a mixture of the dopant vapor and the boron containing vapor; and
heating the mixture to produce doped boron.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the boron containing vapor is a hydrogen and boron trichloride vapor mixture.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the dopant vapor is titanium tetrachloride vapor.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the boron containing vapor is a hydrogen and boron trichloride vapor mixture.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the hydrogen and boron trichloride vapor mixture is a roughly stoichiometric mixture.

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11. A method according to claim 1 including the step of providing in the vessel a fiber substrate for receiving the doped boron as a coating.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the boron containing vapor is a hydrogen and boron trichloride vapor mixture.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein the dopant vapor is titanium tetrachloride vapor.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the boron containing vapor is a hydrogen and boron trichloride vapor mixture.

30. A superconductor comprising a fiber substrate coated with magnesium diboride doped with a titanium compound.

31. A superconductor according to claim 30 wherein the fiber substrate is a silicon carbide substrate.